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RECREATION PLANNING SECTION

Parks and Recreation In Georgia

FROM THE COMMISSIONER

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources is pleased to serve the recreation interests of the people of this great state by making this newsletter available to you. We hope it will serve as a source of information for you concerning the various aspects of recreation and parks.

This newsletter will be published bi-monthly and include information regarding such subjects as recreation and parks funding programs, schedule of upcoming workshops, conventions, and seminars relating to recreation and parks, positions available in Georgia, personnel changes throughout the state, current and future trends in recreation and parks, and news regarding the various programs of the DNR pertaining to recreation and parks.

I trust this newsletter will serve as a tool to strengthen our relationship with you in providing wholesome recreation activities for all citizens of Georgia.

Sincerely,

State Grant to Aide New Local Recreation Systems

With the assistance of a new state grant-in-aid program several local governments throughout Georgia are in the process of establishing new full-time recreation delivery systems for their citizenry. At their May meeting, the Georgia Board of Natural Resources approved 12 projects to be funded under the new Recreation and Park Assistance Fund created by the General Assembly in 1973.

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Heritage Trust Reports Acquisition of Thirteen Sites

The Land Acquisition Unit of the Recreation Planning Section reports that thirteen of the original thirty-two sites identified through the Georgia Heritage Trust have been acquired in whole or in part and are now owned by the State of Georgia. These thirteen sites, along with four additional tracts scheduled for closing in coming weeks, were acquired through Fiscal Year 1974 funds and donations. The total acreage of these sites amounts to 15,472 acres at a cost of \$8,078,855. Eight hundred and thirty of the acres were donated by concerned and civic-minded land owners.

Indeed, a major step has been taken in preserving Georgia's heritage.

Sites acquired in whole or in part include:

	<u>County</u>
Amicalola Falls	Dawson
Augusta Canal-Savannah River	Richmond
Big Lazer Creek	Talbot
Chattahoochee River Park	Fulton
Fort Morris	Liberty
Jarrell Plantation	Jones
Lewis Island	McIntosh
Panola Mountain	DeKalb & Rockdale
Phillips Natural Area	Tattnall
Pickett's Mill Battlefield	Paulding
Pigeon Mountain	Walker
Toombs House	Wilkes
Wormsloe	Chatham

Sites to be acquired include:

	<u>County</u>
Watson's Mill Pond	Emanuel
Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation	Glynn
McIntosh Inn	Butts

L&WCF Pre-Applications Approved

The Funding Unit of the Recreation Planning Section announced that the pre-applications for Land and Water Conservation Funds for FY 1975 have been approved.

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM

JIM OATES, RECREATION PLANNING CHIEF

It is indeed a pleasure and privilege for me as Chief of the Recreation Planning Section, Department of Natural Resources, to have this opportunity to bring the recreation interest of Georgia an update of recreation news around the State.

I would like to take some of the space of this newsletter to orient you to the Recreation Planning Section, our organizational arrangement, staff and services. It is my personal feeling that at long last we have gotten our head above water from the confusions and frustrations of reorganization and the several staff changes which have taken place.

The Recreation Planning Section is a section within the Office of Planning and Research which is a major division in the Department of Natural Resources. Both Joe Tanner, Commissioner, and Chuck Parrish, Division Director, have been most helpful in the establishment of the Recreation Planning Section.

I feel that through our present organizational setup and fine staff, we now have the ability to provide the citizens of Georgia not only those services once provided by the Georgia Recreation Commission, but many other services as well.

In future editions of this publication it will be my goal to elaborate in some detail about the new programs for which the Recreation Planning Section has responsibility. Also, it will be my desire to discuss former services provided by the Georgia Recreation Commission and explain how we are continuing and expanding those services.

In this edition, I would like to provide you with a general overview of the Recreation Planning Section. My Section is composed of four units: Technical Assistance, Funding, Outdoor Recreation, and Land Acquisition.

Technical Assistance: This unit basically provides those services formerly provided by the Georgia Recreation Commission. Such services include surveys and appraisals, personnel referrals, field trips, inservice training programs, conference and workshop planning, publications, dissemination of recreation news, etc. The Technical Assistance Unit provides services to all fields of recreation interest including Therapeutics. In addition, the State Director for Special Olympics is a member of this staff.

Unit Staff Members Are:

- W. Tom Martin..... Supervisor
- Wayne Escoe Recreation Planner
- Homer Gray Recreation Planner
- Susan Burdick Special Olympics Director
- James L. Ryan..... Therapeutic Consultant
- Helen Tharpe..... Secretary
- Karen Waller..... Secretary

Funding Unit: This unit has the responsibility for the administration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the local share of the Georgia Heritage Trust Fund, and the Park and Recreation Assistance Fund. The unit processes and reviews all project applications, conducts on-site inspections prior, during and after project completion, and assists applicants in the billing process.

Unit Staff Members Are:

- Burt Weerts Supervisor
- Jim Bailey Planner
- Shirley Teston..... Administrative Aide

Outdoor Recreation Planning Unit: This unit is responsible for various aspects of planning for outdoor recreation for the DNR. This unit has four areas of responsibility: State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP); Outdoor Recreations Systems Plan (ORSP); Trails Planning; and Georgia Heritage Trust.

Unit Staff Members Are:

- Britt Pendergrast Heritage Trust
- Larry M. Hodges..... SCORP
- Tim H. Hansen ORSP
- Walter Munnikhuysen..... Trails

Land Acquisition Unit: This unit is responsible for coordinating the Department of Natural Resources acquisition of lands identified in the Heritage Trust Program, as well as lands to be purchased for other Department purposes such as buffer lands and in-holdings.

Unit Staff Members Are:

- Roy Wood Supervisor
- Tom Rawls Land Negotiator
- David Eldridge..... Land Negotiator
- Harvey Young Land Negotiator
- Tom Jones..... Land Negotiator
- Hazel Linn..... Secretary
- Sandra Mitchell Secretary

L&WCF Approved

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The pre-application is merely the first step in securing Funds. Each approved government must now submit a formal application, which must be approved before funding.

Those local units of government which have received approval to submit formal applications requesting funds to acquire and/or develop recreation facilities during FY 1975 are as follows:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Ringgold	\$ 15,000
Summerville	23,630
Floyd County	50,000
LaFayette	100,000
Gilmer County	50,000
Dalton	50,000
Lake Lanier Development Authority	150,000
Cumming	25,000
Towns County	75,000
Dahlonega	25,000
City of Atlanta	275,000
Roswell	50,000
Gwinnett County	50,000
Clayton County	100,000
Smyrna	50,000
Douglas County	50,000
Clarke County	96,000
Monroe	21,500
LaGrange-Troup County	100,000
Jackson-Butts County	50,000
Fayette County	50,000
Milledgeville-Baldwin County	50,000
Cobb County	220,000
Sandersville	10,000
Screven County	14,000
Thomson-McDuffie	30,000
Houston County	24,500
Warner Robins	25,000
Jeffersonville-Twiggs County	7,500
Cordele	30,000
Americus	7,500
Vienna	50,000
Montezuma	14,500
East Dublin	10,000
Soperton	17,500
McRae-Helena	20,000
Baxley-Appling County	20,250
Statesboro	72,000
Lyons	15,000
Brooklet	15,000
DeKalb County	250,000
Odum	4,500
Savannah	28,000
Brunswick	3,000
Glynn County	25,000
Hinesville	4,000
Darien	15,000

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
St. Mary's	12,500
Springfield	4,250
Columbus	150,000
Talbot	25,000
Woodland	5,000
Bainbridge	22,000
Thomasville	24,000
Moultrie	37,500
Valdosta	75,000
Quitman	5,000
City of Douglas	75,000
Waycross	50,000
Haralson County	15,000
Nashville	10,000

Special Olympics News

The Georgia Special Olympics State Meet was held at DeKalb Community College, May 31 and June 1; there were 850 participants in track and field and swimming events.

The Meet began with a parade which included the Third Army Band and Color Guard, Ronald McDonald, Six Flags Characters, Tommy Nobis and other professional athletes and all the participants and their coaches.

Each participant received an award in his events and a participation medal.

The highlight of the weekend was a visit to Six Flags. Participants and their coaches spent two hours on the rides of their choice.

Special Olympics will begin in September with a year-round program. It will include basketball, volleyball, bowling, floor hockey, swimming, a pilot program in gymnastics Train-A-Champ, and Families Play to Grow. Registration will begin in September with groups choosing the activities in which they would like to participate.

The next International Meet will be held the summer of '75 at a location yet to be announced.

The Floor Hockey Team representing Georgia played in a Southeast Region Tournament with the winner of that going on to the International Tournament in Winnipeg.

This year South Carolina beat the Georgia team from DeKalb County in the play-off for the region in overtime. The S. C. boys spent 5 days in Winnipeg as guests of the Atlanta Flames and came in first in their division. Each boy received a trophy with a team trophy going to the school.

State Grant Aids

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The new program is funding on a 50/50 matching basis for a two-year period the establishment of local recreation agencies where none were in existence. The approved projects are: Towns County, Cornelia-Habersham County, Ellijay-Gilmer County, Chatsworth-Murray County, Madison County, Cedartown, Jackson-Butts County, Ft. Valley-Peach County, Adel-Cook County, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County, Dooly County, and Glennville. Approximately 25 applications were submitted for the \$200,000 available.

Maximum state allocations were in the amount of \$17,500 with the local government(s) cash matching that amount. Unlike other state or federal grant-in-aid programs for parks and recreation, the Recreation and Park Assistance Fund is aimed, directly at providing operational funds for personnel and basic supplies to provide recreation activities and service programs. Other existing grant programs provide funds for acquisition and development of land and facilities.

A stipulation of this grant program was that the project applicant must be from a county where no full-time public recreation delivery agency was in existence. Project applicants could be one local unit of government or a combination of several. The approved projects indicate the variety of requests. Additionally, the project applicants had to demonstrate the desire and ability to continue the operation after the two-year grant period.

The Recreation and Park Assistance Fund is managed through the Recreation Planning Section of the Department of Natural Resources. The program is unique to Georgia grant-in-aid programs. In fact, it is believed to be the first such funding program throughout the United States.

The program has been approved for the initial two-year grant period with hopes that funding will be forthcoming for the approval of additional projects.

For more information contact:
Department of Natural Resources
Recreation Planning Section
Room 703-B
270 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Georgia Resource Assessment - A Tool for Local Recreation Planning

The Office of Planning and Research has initiated a new program which should be of particular benefit to recreation planners. This program, the Georgia Resource Assessment, is a data service which develops and distributes maps which describe the distribution of resources and land uses across the State. These maps which are available both in county form, at a scale of one inch equals one mile, and in regional form, at a scale of one inch equals four miles, may then be utilized as factors in the location of suitable areas for recreational development and in the design of recreational facilities in such a way that they reflect the natural characteristics of the site.

The first year of the program has emphasized the production of county and regional soils maps (in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service) and county and regional vegetation maps (in conjunction with the Department of Botany of the University of Georgia). Most maps are available on request from:

Resources Assessment Program
Resources Planning Section
Office of Planning and Research
Department of Natural Resources
270 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Contact:

Robert Segrest
Senior Planner
(404) 656-5164

Farmer Joins Davis

Ron Farmer has accepted a position with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority in Fairfax, Virginia. Ron will be working for John Davis, former Executive Director of the Georgia Recreation Commission and later chief of the Recreation Planning Section of the DNR.

Ron served as Georgia's State Therapeutic Recreation Consultant and more recently as Planner with the Funding Unit of the Recreation Planning Section.

Farmer assumed his new duties the first of June.

JOIN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Though it is still two years until the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the BICENTENNIAL ERA has already begun. Over 20 cities and counties in Georgia have already established local Bicentennial Committees to commemorate this important time in the history of our country.

As you might remember, initially the Federal Government was going to help celebrate the occasion by constructing a large park in each state. Of course, this was to cost millions of dollars and was subsequently dropped. At the present time little or no monies are available to assist in local projects.

The energy crisis may carry us back to yester-year so let's take a page from the old days. That is, rally your community's local talent, energy and funds to see it through.

In establishing these projects, do so with the thought in mind that it be one that will benefit the community not only now but in the years to come. The project doesn't have to be one that involves thousands of dollars.

Some examples of possible projects are: Make subdivision or neighborhood parks out of land already in public ownership, look through city or county plat books to locate property already owned by the city or county that could become a park, talk with the tax collector to see if your local government could pick up some pieces of tax delinquent property, and most of all in building or developing facilities involving persons with talents and equipment to get the job done.

You should do the following:

1. Check to see if your community has a Bicentennial Committee established.
2. If so, get involved. Offer as a suggestion a project that would benefit the park, recreation and conservation movement.
3. If a committee has not been established, contact your local government officials and your Chamber of Commerce. On the State level contact the Georgia Commission for the National Bicentennial, Suite 520 South Wing, 1776 Peachtree Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309 or call (404) 894-5780.

NOTE:

Let us know what your Bicentennial Project is and we will publicize it in a future issue of 'Parks and Recreation in Georgia'.

Recent Personnel Appointments:

Jim Wildman - Director, Covington
Lee Silver - Director, Smyrna
Bud Stone - Director, Sylvania
Roger Weaver - Director, Chatsworth
Bill Lundy - Director, Cedartown
Sammy Hunter - Director, Barrow County
Jack Palmer - Director, Bainbridge
Charles Goffe - Director, Cairo
Linda Kotowski - Director, Clarke County
Buck Pearson - Director, Ft. Valley
Perry Manolis - Director, Jackson
Tom Johnson - Director, Lawrenceville
Jim Thompson - Instructor of Recreation, Georgia College
Nancy Strong - Recreation Therapist, Central State
Danny Rogers - Supervisor, Milledgeville
Joe Shuford - Supervisor, Troup County
Nancy Seekins - Assistant Special Activities Supervisor, DeKalb
Billy Rhodes - Special Activities Supervisor, DeKalb
Derek Steward - Sports Supervisor, Dalton
Danny Jones - Athletic Director, Monroe
Ralph Turner - Director, Towns County

POSITIONS AVAILABLE * *

Habersham County - Recreation Director
Adel-Cook County - Recreation Director
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Co. - Recreation Director
Millen-Jenkins County - Recreation Director
Dooly County - Recreation Director
South Ga. College - Recreation Instructor
Griffin-Spalding Co. - Program Director
Dept. of Human Resources - Rec. Therapist II
Clarke County - Program Director
Unicoi - Therapeutic Camp Coordinators
Ellijay-Gilmer County - Recreation Director
College Park - Center Director
Athens - Park Manager

* *For further information, contact Tom Martin in Recreation Planning Section, Department of Natural Resources



NEW RECREATION PROGRAMMING FOR STATE PARKS

The Parks and Historic Sites Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has recently formed a new section to be entitled 'Recreation and Interpretive Programming.'

Lonice Barrett has been appointed Chief of this new section and will spearhead the development of Interpretive Programming related to the state's Parks and Historic Sites. Examples of the duties of this new section will include the development of interpretive exhibits, displays and museums at historic sites; supervision and training of division employees assigned to recreation facilities and other parks and historic sites of the division.

Mr. Barrett formerly was Assistant Director with the Georgia Recreation Commission and more recently served as Supervisor of the Outdoor Recreation Planning Unit of the Recreation Planning Section. In that capacity he also served as staff manager of the Georgia Heritage Trust Program.

Anyone desiring other information on interpretive services to be offered through this new section is encouraged to contact Mr. Barrett at 656-2770 or by writing directly to the Department of Natural Resources Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section of the Parks and Historic Sites Division.

Dates to Remember

October 22-25	NRPA National Congress, Denver, Colorado
November 5-6	GRPS Annual Conference, Desoto Hilton Savannah, Georgia

DID YOU KNOW THAT.

Georgia now has 92 full-time public Parks and Recreation Departments?

The average per capita expenditure for parks and recreation in Georgia is \$5.91.

The average salary for public recreation directors in Georgia is \$12,700.00.

RECREATION AND PARK DIRECTORY UPDATED

The publication so familiar to many recreation agencies throughout the state known as the Georgia Recreation and Park Directory has been updated and revised. A copy has been sent to each agency listed in the Directory. if additional copies are desired, contact:

Homer D. Gray
270 Washington Street, S.W.
Room 703-B
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

D.D.S.A. Grant Awarded Dalton Recreation and Parks Department

The Developmental Disabilities Service Administration recently announced the approval of a grant for the Dalton Recreation and Parks Department for the initiation of a community therapeutic recreation program.

The grant will provide funds for a one-year period to help establish programs of therapeutic recreation for special populations residing in Dalton and Whitfield County. The program will be initiated on or around August 1, 1974, with the employment of a qualified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist who will work under the auspices of the Dalton Recreation Department in establishing such programs. The grant was secured through the efforts of Jim Ryan, the Therapeutic Recreation Consultant, Recreation Planning Section of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Dalton department becomes the fifth recreation agency in Georgia to receive such a grant. Other departments to receive grants in recent years include Carrollton, Milledgeville, Valdosta and DeKalb County.

ESCOE ON SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Any recommendations you might have to improve the NRPA Southern District Conference should be made to Wayne Escoe in the Recreation Planning Section of DNR. Wayne is Georgia's representative on the 1975 program committee.

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